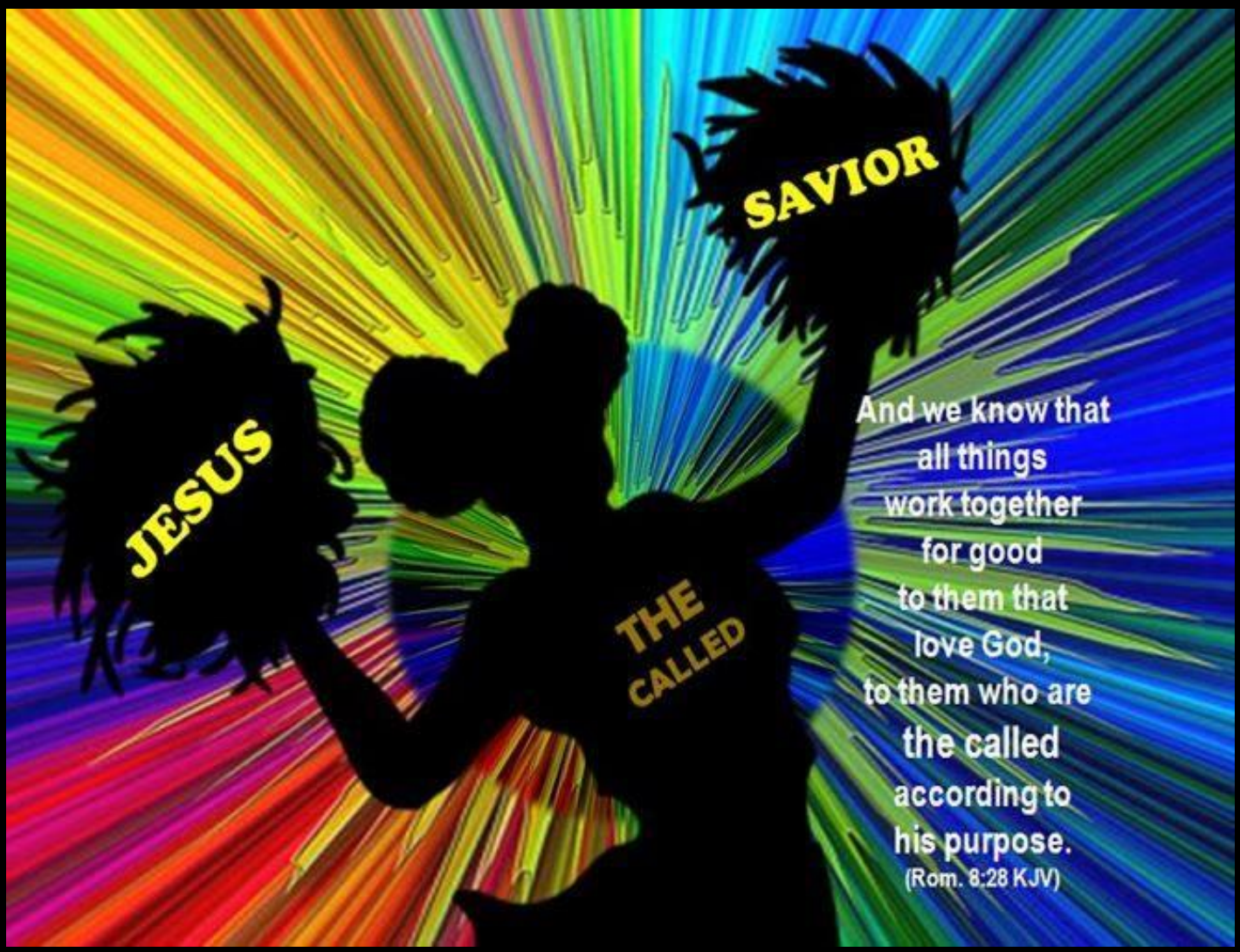
August 28

Romans 8:28

Called? No, THE Called!

And we know that
all things work
together for good
to them that love
God, to them who
are the called
according
to his purpose.

True Followers of Messiah are not just “called” (because many are called but few are chosen *Matthew 20:22*).



They are THE Called.

When reading or reciting Romans 8:28, too many completely skip the article “the” and it is a disservice to the verse. Doing so weakens its meaning. “The called” is very important exactly as written because it

denotes a title, a position, and a responsibility. As a reborn, sanctified child of God, you are THE CALLED. You are in a particular and peculiar class. True Believers are not of the many, but are of the few. Yes, you have been called and also chosen, but Romans

8:28 specifically says you are "*the* called" as in elite—separated for a unique purpose.

1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Romans 1:6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

It's similar to a few members of a military being charged with a special mission; an extraordinary unit designated to do something different from others. So what is one purpose of those

who are of
The Called?

1 Peter 2;9 says you are to show the praises of the One who has called you into light.

You are the crème de la crème of the cheerleading squad for Jesus. You were chosen to be a part

of that honored few to uniquely honor the One.

Further, though it may not always seem that everything is working together for good, as being one of those who love God and are “The Called according to his purpose”, all things, in fact, do work together

for good.

Be aware, however, that the exclusive praise spoken of, that ‘The Called’ kind of praise, may not always be a cheery, smiling-faced, bubbly expression. Sometimes the praises of God that these exclusive members show forth

are in the form of faithful endurance during extremely challenging situations. ‘The Called’ praises may occur in the midst of what appears to be losses. The sometimes stern-faced praise is still valid praise as the Believer submits every difficulty to the same One who has brought

him or her out of
darkness and into
God's marvelous light.